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On instructions from my Government and further to our correspondence, most recently our letter No. 193 of 27 June 1991, I have the honour to inform you of fresh occurrences of Iranian violations of the cease-fire between Iraq and Iran in contravention of Security Council resolution 598 (1987). They are as follows:

1. At 0830 hours on 23 June 1991, a group of individuals from the Iranian side, estimated to number eight, were observed with a military jeep laying mines and setting up spiked barriers and barbed wire at geographical coordinates 484541 in the central-sector area of separation.

2. At 1930 hours on 25 June 1991, an Iranian punt carrying two persons infiltrated inside Iraqi territory at geographical coordinates 411970 in the southern sector (map of Baydah).

3. At 0830 hours on 26 June 1991, nine individuals from the Iranian side were observed digging an infantry position at geographical coordinates 503512 in the central-sector separation zone (map of Mandali).

4. At 0730 hours on 28 June 1991, an Iranian excavator was observed repairing the road coming from the Iranian rear in the direction of the Iranian mound at geographical coordinates 573226 in the central-sector separation zone. At 1000 hours on the same day, five individuals from the Iranian side were observed building two rest shelters and two firing shelters in front of the Jawid Shah control post at coordinates 4854 in the separation zone in the same sector.

5. At 0900 hours on 29 June 1991, five individuals from the Iranian side were observed digging a position in front of the Yathrib control post at geographical coordinates 558226 in the central-sector separation zone.

6. At 1000 hours on 30 June 1991, the Iranian side manned three posts, each with a six-person force, in front of the Daraji and Sudur control posts at geographical coordinates 128732, 134736 and 107743 in the central sector. An

Iranian frontier observation station was established at the first post in the separation zone.

7. At 0800 hours on 2 July 1991, three newly built Iranian posts were observed to the right of the Khusrawi control post at geographical coordinates 448035 in the central-sector separation zone (map of Khanaqin). At 1900 hours, 15 individuals from the Iranian side were observed digging a slit trench at geographical coordinates 605353 in the separation zone in the same sector (map of Mandali).

8. At 0700 hours on 3 July 1991, the Iranian side built a road leading to hill 404 at geographical coordinates 573224 in front of the Tuwayriq control post in the central-sector separation zone.

9. At 1400 hours on 4 July 1991, 30 individuals from the Iranian side were observed strengthening trenches around the Husayn control post at geographical coordinates 420110 in the central-sector separation zone (map of Khanaqin).

10. At 1100 hours on 5 July 1991, eight individuals from the Iranian side were observed building an observation post in front of the new Qutaybah control post at geographical coordinates 498205 in the central-sector separation zone.

These new violations and infringements, which are to be added to the previous Iranian violations of the provisions of the cease-fire between the two countries, confirm without any doubt the persistence of the Iranian Government in its deliberate endeavour to encroach upon the sovereignty and security of Iraq.

As it has done in its previous letters, the Government of my country confirms that it holds the Iranian Government fully responsible for all the damage caused by such violations and infringements and for the future consequences thereof.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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